

Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waiver Explanation of HASCI Waiver Amendments/Revised Service Limits

The SC Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs approved amendments to the HASCI Waiver on July 17, 2009. DDSN and DHHS plan to submit the final HASCI Waiver document to CMS (the Federal Medicaid agency) by September 1, 2009 for a January 1, 2010 implementation date.

Significant state budget reductions to SCDDSN make it necessary for costs of the HASCI Waiver to be reduced and contained. Three options for revised service limits were presented to the DSN Commission on 6/18/09. Several opportunities to give feedback were provided to consumers, stakeholders, and the public. Dr. Laurent announced the proposed options to DDSN service providers and to consumer organizations. A mail survey was sent to a 20% random sample of current HASCI Waiver participants. Others were able to complete this survey on the SCDDSN website or to access it through websites of the Brain Injury Alliance of South Carolina and the South Carolina Spinal Cord Injury Association. A public meeting was conducted on 7/7/09. Results were compiled and summarized for the DSN Commission.

Service Name Approximate Number Currently Served	Revised Limit Previous limit	Estimated Cost Savings Estimated Number affected % of those getting this service
Attendant Care/ Personal Assistance Services 642	<p>49 hours per week on a routine basis 8 hours per day on a routine basis</p> <p>Up to 10 hours per day may be authorized on a short term basis (not to exceed 90 days) due to special need circumstances. Unchanged</p> <p>If Attendant Care/Personal Assistance Services is combined with HASCI Waiver Nursing, the combined services, whether routine or short term, may not exceed 10 hours per day. (Nursing limits apply) If Attendant Care/Personal Assistance Services is combined with HASCI Waiver Nursing, the combined services, whether routine or short term, may not exceed 12 hours per day. <i>(Nursing limits apply)</i></p> <p><i>This same revision will be made to HASCI Waiver Nursing</i></p>	<p>\$667,193 178 27.7%</p>

